



Joseph Sonnenberg
Born: Prussia, 1841
Died: ?

Mrs. Henrietta Sonnenberg
Born: Texas, 1848
Died: ?

Theresa Sonnenberg
Born: April 12, 1869
Died: ?

Samuel Sonnenberg
Born: 1871
Died: ?

It is unclear when Joseph Sonnenberg came to the United States, but he appears to have moved to Leadville in 1880 with his wife, Henrietta, children, Thresea and Samuel, and his brother-in-law, Al Levy.¹ In 1881, Joseph operated the Little Chief Restaurant and Saloon at 121 Harrison Avenue.² This is also the year that the Sonneberg family were first mentioned in local newspapers on August 5, Joseph was seriously injured when a two-horse team pulling his wagon became spooked and ran down Harrison Avenue at high speed before crashing into the Little Chief Saloon, breaking the front window.³

It is unclear when Joseph's restaurant closed for business, but it was likely sometime in 1882.⁴ Joseph operated an auction house at 415 Harrison Avenue in 1883⁵ and a horse-trading operation out of his home at 130 East 3rd Street during 1884.⁶

Joseph's daughter, Theresa, was an original member of the *Cloud City Social Club*,⁷ a club created by some of the local Jewish residents which held weekly dances.⁸ On April 12, 1885, Theresa was honored with a surprise sixteenth birthday party at the family home. Teenagers from many well-known local Jewish families such as the Shoenbergs⁹ and Kahns¹⁰ were present.¹¹ Henrietta and the son, Samuel, never appear in Leadville newspapers.

Joseph wore many hats in Leadville: he continued his horse-trading enterprise from 1884 to 1885¹² and began dealing cigars and liquor during 1886 from his shop at 326 Harrison Avenue.¹³

The Sonnenbergs disappear from Leadville records after 1886, and no further information on the family can be found at this time.

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¹ For more information on Al Levy, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/levy.html> .

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⁹ For more information on the Shoenberg family, please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/shoenberg.html>

¹⁰ For more information on the Kahn family, Please visit: <http://www.jewishleadville.org/kahn.html>

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